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VICTORIAN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

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TRIP COMMITTEE: Brian Tuck, Paul Howden, Andrew Merlo.

Contactable on above address. For any enquiries on trips, conditions and potential trip leaders.

TRIP CLASSIFICATIONS:

'A' Grade: Extensive use of 4WD: Tracks maybe difficult to negotiate — chains should be carried along with towing slings and anchor points: good winter tread pattern tyres are a must. Trip leader has the right to refuse a vehicle if above points are not met. Types of conditions likely to be met include: steep climbs and descents on all surfaces — rocky, muddy etc. mud & snow, deep river crossings and overgrown tracks.

Max. six vehicles.

'B' Grade: Virtually same conditions as 'A' Grade but track condition is more favourable. Good tyres are a must as well as necessary recovery gear.

Max 10 vehicles.

'C' Grade: Very limited use of 4WD. These trips include car rallies etc. Type of tyres does not matter and recovery gear not essential.

No maximum number of vehicles.

In all above cases vehicles should be in sound mechanical condition and carry the basic spare part requirements as listed in previous Newsletters.

The committee would like to express the fact that if in the opinion of the trip leader a vehicle is not suitable for a trip, then that vehicle may be refused permission to partake.

Newsletter Editor: A. Merlo (as above) all copy to be in by 2nd Tuesday of the month.

RADIO OFFICER GEOFF MANN (AS ABOVE)

Club has one radio for hire at \$1.00 per day, or free if you are leading a trip. All enquiries must go through the officer regarding purchases, licences etc.

**MEETINGS LAST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH AT DANDENONG
LIBRARY**

**CORRESPONDENCE
P.O. BOX 778,
DANDENONG**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Hi there members,

Last month was quite a busy month.

Bunratty Castle was first on the list and was enjoyed by all who attended. The food was plentiful and eating was made more interesting by the lack of eating utensils. These consisted of a small steak knife and a spoon to eat the pudding. Thanks to Andrew for organizing the evening.

The Ski weekend at Eildon was on the following weekend and although I could not attend reports tell me it was a fabulous weekend and more such club activities should be held. Many thanks to Ross, Don and Terry for supplying boats and making the weekend possible.

The Clean-up weekend was another success and achieved some good PR for the FWD Fraternity. Thanks to all who attended for a job well done.

Thanks to Keith for the interesting films shown at the last meeting Those who missed them should have been at the meeting.

All those going on the Easter weekend I hope you had a good trip and took care. Andrew Merlo was leading the trip to Mitchells Homestead and I'm sure some interesting stories will arise from the weekend.

We are hoping for a film night shortly at the Limberger Kangaroo Club so when this is finalized all those people with films to show, bring them along and we'll see how many we can fit in. By the way for those who haven't attended a film night, bar facilities are available and supper will be provided.

New members have now a 2 month probation period before being eligible for being on the club frequency.

Don't forget the car rally on Sunday, 25th April. For more information contact Andrew Merlo or Brian Tuck.

Oh well!

See you next meeting.

Tom

THINGS TO COME

SUNDAY 25th APRIL.

Venue : Car Rally in the Yarra Junction , Warburton area.
Departs : Approx. 1 mile out of Yarra Junction on the
Warburton Highway just before you cross the Little
Yarra River.
Time : 9.00a.m. first vehicle away (approx. 2½ hours
duration)
Requirements Gembrook map (to answer questions off), Full tank
and B.Y.O. Lunch etc. (picnic area finish)

Ring Brian Tuck (762 5981) for more details

CLUB MEETING Tuesday 27th APRIL.

MAY 1st - 2nd SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

Venue : Gippsland 4WD Go-Down at Lardner Park
(see inserted sheet)
All enquiries to Brian Tuck by March meeting.
A good weekend to have by all.

CLUB MEETING - TUESDAY 25th MAY

THURSDAY, 3rd JUNE. 8.00p.m.

Venue : Film Night "Man from Snowy River" at Waverley
Gardens Cinema - Jacksons Road and Police Road,
Mulgrave.
Cost : ADULTS.....\$ 4.15 each CHILDREN.....\$ 1.19 eac
Tickets available at April meeting.

SATURDAY, 24th JULY.

Venue : Night out at the Benbow Restaurant.

IN THE FUTURE

5th JUNE.

Boys weekend to Woods Point (contact A. Merlo if you wish to
attend. Final names by April.)

16th JULY.

Limburger Club Film Night (Please dig up your golden
oldies for this night).

21st AUGUST.

Don and Thelma's Central-Western Australian trip for
five weeks. Contact Don for further details. (288 1200)

16th - 17th OCTOBER.

Rutherglen Wine Trip (Vehicle)

ITS AND BITS

Bunratty Castle was a success with a good report coming from the night. David Heard vascetomy joke backfired on him. He instigated the prank for fomeone else but he was the recipient.

Ski-weekend attracted a great number of members and was a huge success. Thanks to Ross, Don and Terry for the use of their boat (perhaps next time arrangements can be made for fuel costs). Thank again anyway.

Brian Tuck apparently tried his heart out on his first attempt at skiing, almost 2 hours IN the water. I saw him the next day and he could hardly move, doing a Mono on his bike probably didn't help

Association cleanup of Cobbler area also received a good response from members with quite a lot of work being carried out , mainly tree removal and drains cleaned out. Just hope the assoc. gets the PR recognition it should. (Don Montague cleaned all the Port up

Geoff Mann has available some MacCalister Water Shed maps for sale. Also 2 new association delegates are required, thanks to Geoff and John for all their efforts for the past few years.

Members who wish to purchase a Club Radio must now undergo a probation period of 3 months and during this attend a club trip wit the use of a such radio.

Prize for 1st place in the Car Rally on 25th April will be suitably engraved pewter mug, as will all such events in the future.

Don't forget the club Tee-Shirts (\$5.50) and Caps (\$4.00) are for sale. They're selling very well and thanks to Don and Thelma Montague who have done all the work involved.

LAST MEETING- MARCH.

Report given on Bunratty Castle Night, Ski Weekend by Geoff Dowell, and Assoc. by Geoff Mann. Wntertainment was 2 films Getting Through (Thiess Toyota) and Caterpillar 800 miles of Winter. Both excellent and thanks to Keith Brown

LAST MEETING : FEE

Dave Heard gave a trip report on the navigation trial (which he is surveying in the Otways for the next one). John Lake responded and thanked all for the turn up. Thanks also to Vin, Peter. Geoff and Tom for the check points. Peter Rowe entertained us with his slides of the Simpson Desert Trip.

FOR SALE

Hayman Reese Tow Bar suit Toyota S.W.B.
\$ 60.00 Vin.

798 2151

4 Nissan Patrol Rims
\$ 15.00 each

P. Rowe

857 6422

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alternator, pressure plate, fly wheel. suit '68 Toyota
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\$ 200.00 G. Pearl

762 4013

10w Pye Overlander Radio (on club channel)
\$ 120.00 D. Montague

D. Montague

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